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For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE DETECTION OF MICROSCOPICALLY
SMALL OBJECTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Attention: DO/EO/US

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer, and
add the following new claims:

22. A process for object detection, comprising the steps:
enlarged optical imaging of at least one resting or moving
object on a structured mask with at least one segment
adapted for transmitting light from a flat section to a
detector unit, wherein said object is located at least
partially or temporarily in said flat section, and said
flat section has a characteristic dimension smaller than
a dimension of the object or a movement path of the
object;

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